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STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(June 29, 1948 - July 12, 1948)

- NSC 14/1 THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO
PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS OF THE
NON-SOVIET WORLD
- NSC 15 US CIVIL AVIATION POLICY TOWARD THE USSR AND ITS
SATELLITES
(Subject to Concurrences by Occupation Authorities in
Germany and Austria, which have been received)
- NSC 9/3 THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO
SUPPORT FOR WESTERN UNION AND OTHER RELATED FREE
COUNTRIES
- NSCID 9 NSC INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE RE "COMMUNICATIONS
INTELLIGENCE"

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD
COMMUNISM
(NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES
(NSC 17)

Report prepared by a special Consultant on the basis of NSC Action No. 43 at its 9th Meeting. Scheduled as item 1 on the agenda of the 15th NSC Meeting, July 15.

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA
(NSC 19)

Study prepared by NSC Staff and concurred in by the Consultants as amended on July 9. Scheduled as item 2 on the agenda of the 15th NSC Meeting, July 15.

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS
REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION
(NSC 20)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. This suggestion scheduled for consideration as item 3 on the revised agenda for the 15th NSC Meeting, July 15.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Feb. 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff Feb. 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on April 21, revised on May 14, sent to Consultants on May 18. Concurred in by Navy, May 21; by Army, June 1; by Air, June 21; by NSRB, July 12. Awaiting action by State.

US ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO
(NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11. Changes recommended by State, Army and Navy were considered by the Staff and a split report returned to the Consultants on July 6. At a meeting of the Consultants on July 9, it was agreed to recommend to the Council that final action be deferred until approximately Aug. 15, 1948. This recommendation to be submitted orally by Executive Secretary in discussion of item 3 on the agenda of the 15th NSC Meeting, July 15.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS (Cont'd.)

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA
(NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Army change submitted July 6; Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7, by NSRB, July 12. Awaiting action by State.

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4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

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At its 12th Meeting, June 3, the NSC referred to the Staff this subject to prepare comments and recommendations thereon for consideration by the Council. The Staff has interviewed two technical consultants on this subject and is now prepared to formulate comments and recommendations.

POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report on the position of the United States with respect to the initiation of atomic warfare in the event of war, including consideration of the time and circumstances of employment, and the type and character of targets against which it would be employed. First draft, prepared by Air, circulated July 6, 1948.

U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Study of this subject submitted by the Department of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 13, June 2, 1948. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff will prepare a report on this subject for consideration by the Council. Staff also considering Army report on "Limited Military Armament for Japan" which has been discussed by War Council. In addition, reply being awaited to cable to SCAP requesting his views on two suggested solutions to Japanese reparations problem. Staff is continuing discussion of comments on first draft of report.

TURKISH ARSENAL AID

At its 13th Meeting on June 17, the Council directed the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the basis of comments by the Department of the Army which are being awaited.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS



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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Mar. 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration until after NSC action on NSC 9 Series.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff Dec. 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued Feb. 25, 1948. Redraft being prepared by one Staff member, but further consideration by the entire Staff has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On Dec. 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued Mar. 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed in deference to priority of individual countries in this area and other priority subjects.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on Jan. 15, 1948. Jan. 20 the Department of State was requested to prepare a study for NSC consideration. A study on short-term assistance to China was submitted by the Department of State and a report drafted by the Staff on March 8. It was amended by the Consultants and the revision submitted to the NSC as NSC 6 on March 26. At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC agreed no action on this report was necessary since it had been overtaken by events. The Department of State is continuing preparation of a report on the overall position with respect to China as originally requested. Further action deferred pending receipt of this report from State.

DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH IN REGARD
TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

(Memo for NSC members from the Executive Secretary, same subject,
dated November 19, 1947.)

At its 11th Meeting on May 20, 1948, the Council discussed the
above policy and agreed to request certain advice from the Joint
Chiefs of Staff. (See NSC Action No. 50.) Awaiting reply by JCS.

COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES

(Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated
April 26, 1948.)

By memorandum approval as of May 25, 1948, the Council directed
the NSC Consultants to undertake a similar review and report in
approximately two months.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US MILITARY
POWER IN GREECE

(NSC 5/4)

To be reviewed not later than Nov. 1, 1948.

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